Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 11 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 12 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Dec 2020 at 17:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather pattern to continue over the weekend and into next week.

Headline for Friday 11 Dec 2020: Cloudy with extensive hill fog. Patchy light rain and sleet with snow above 900m. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 11 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Fog	Fog	Sleet	Sleet	Dull	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
30%	20%	20%	30%	30%	20%	30%	30%

Forecast for Friday 11 Dec 2020

Weather: Cloudy with rain and sleet, snow above 900m becoming light and patchy later tonight. Friday will be mostly cloudy with patchy light rain and sleet with snow above 900m, mostly towards the Trossachs and the Arrochar Alps. A lot of dry weather over Glencoe, Lochaber and Mull.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance in many areas with extensive cloud cover well down the hills. Best chance will be Glencoe and Lochaber where clouds may lift above the tops in a few spots.

Visibility: Rather misty conditions beneath the cloud with pockets of good visibility towards Glencoe and Lochaber. Visibility will be very poor in any persistent sleet and snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	45/55 SE	38/47 SE	34/42 SE	29/36 SE	27/33 SE	24/30 SE	21/26 SE	19/23 SE	19/23 SE
900	28/37 SE	24/33 SE	23/31 SE	20/26 SE	19/25 SE	18/23 SE	17/23 SE	17/22 SE	16/22 SE
600	49/58 SE	36/45 SE	27/34 SE	19/24 SE	14/19 SE	12/16 SE	10/14 SE	10/15 SE	10/14 SE
300	26/37 SE	21/32 SE	18/30 SE	10/18 E	8/14 E	6/13 E	5/9 NE	5/7 SE	5/10 E
Glen	13/29 SE	14/28 SE	8/18 E	7/13 E	4/10 NE	5/11 NE	3/8 NE	4/9 NE	3/7 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-11	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-0/-8	-1/-8	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7
900	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4
600	5/-2	5/-1	6/1	5/1	5/1	5/2	5/1	4/1	4/1
300	6/0	5/0	6/1	6/2	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/4	5/4
Glen	8/4	7/4	7/5	6/4	7/6	7/6	6/6	6/5	6/5
Freezing Level*	1500m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds combined with temperatures around freezing will make it feel bitterly cold. In addition, extensive hill fog and sleet will lead to navigational difficulties.

Forecast for Saturday 12 Dec 2020

Weather: Another mostly cloudy day with extensive hill fog. There will be further outbreaks of rain and sleet, mainly in east of area with snow above 900m. There will again be some drier, brighter weather in west of area.

Maximum wind: Much lighter winds on the tops, mainly southeasterly at only 10 to 15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance with extensive cloud cover remaining well down the hills. Again a few sheltered parts of Glencoe and Lochaber will have higher cloud bases.

Visibility: Generally misty conditions and very poor in precipitation. Once again pockets of good visibility in north of area.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1100m

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